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DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with Reed Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., for design, fabrication and delivery of eleven illuminated viewing tables for 70 MM film for use in connection with Project AQUATONE.

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I hereby find that this procurement under Project [redacted] (AQUATONE) is in the amount of \$3,498.00; is chargeable to the following appropriations: \$2,862.00 to AQUATONE FY 1956 funds and \$636.00 to 6-5725-10-003, Photo Intelligence Div. Equipment Procurement funds; and is for design and production of technical equipment essential to an experimental, developmental and research program presently under procurement which will result in operational activities. I also find that this procurement is in the interest of national defense and that public disclosure of the nature and character of the equipment would reveal its intended use and would thereby jeopardize the security classification of the project. I further find that it is impracticable to draft, for solicitation of bids, adequate specifications or any other adequately detailed description of the required supplies within the time limits prescribed for this procurement.

I hereby determine, as Contracting Officer for this contract, that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract are within the purview of Public Law 110, 81st Congress, and that the proposed contract must necessarily be negotiated without formal advertising.

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Contracting Officer

Date: 5/3/56

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